



**Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner  
BRIEFING ON COVID-19 EXTRAORDINARY MOJ FUNDING FOR  
DOMESTIC ABUSE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE SUPPORT SERVICES  
MAY 2020**

**Introduction**

In April 2020 the Government announced a £750m fund for charities to help them to support vulnerable people during the COVID-19 pandemic. Of this funding, £360m will be awarded directly from Government departments and £370m through the National Lottery.

This document provides a summary of the COVID-19 Government funding available for victim support services in Nottinghamshire. It brings together key information from Government funding guidance which is available in separate documents.

**National funding announced to date**

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>National Amount</b>	<b>Further detail</b>	<b>Who can apply</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation Emergency Support Fund MHCLG	£10m	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/domestic-abuse-safe-accommodation-covid-19-emergency-support-fund">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/domestic-abuse-safe-accommodation-covid-19-emergency-support-fund</a>	Providers – direct to MHCLG	21 May 2020
Extraordinary funding for organisations that support victims of domestic and sexual violence* MoJ	£20m	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-funding-for-domestic-abuse-and-sexual-violence-support-services">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-funding-for-domestic-abuse-and-sexual-violence-support-services</a>  See below for further detail	PCCs	1 June 2020
Rape Support Fund Extra-ordinary Funding MoJ	£5m	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-funding-for-domestic-abuse-and-sexual-violence-support-services#national-rape-and-sexual-abuse-support-fund">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-funding-for-domestic-abuse-and-sexual-violence-support-services#national-rape-and-sexual-abuse-support-fund</a>	Nottinghamshire Providers via PCC (as funding devolved)	2 June 2020
ISVA	£3m	TBC	PCCs	TBC
Home Office Extraordinary Funding for Domestic Abuse Support Services	£2m	<a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/885967/Home_Office_COVID-19_Domestic_Abuse_Funding_Guidance_FINAL.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/885967/Home_Office_COVID-19_Domestic_Abuse_Funding_Guidance_FINAL.pdf</a>	National/umbrella / capacity building organisations	

National Lottery Community Fund	£200m	<a href="https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/">https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/</a> Detail to be published on 22 May 2020	Voluntary organisations	TBC
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\* Please see below for a further breakdown of the £20m extraordinary funding for organisations that support victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence, as it relates to Nottinghamshire.

### Extraordinary funding for organisations that support victims of domestic and sexual violence in Nottinghamshire – indicative allocations

Initiative	Funding for Notts (£)
Domestic Abuse services already commissioned by the PCC	195,000
Domestic Abuse services not currently commissioned by the PCC	97,500
Sexual Violence Support Services either commissioned or not commissioned by the PCC	97,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>390,000</b>

The funding amounts above are indicative allocations for the PCC for Nottinghamshire. Funding will be awarded by MoJ to the PCC, subject to initiatives meeting the eligibility criteria and the PCC following the process set out below. Funding may not be moved from one “pot” to another.

### Rape Support Fund Extraordinary funding (devolved)

In addition to the Extraordinary funding for Sexual Violence Support Service either commissioned or not commissioned by the PCC (£97,500 – see above), the PCC will apply to MoJ for Rape Support Fund Extraordinary funding. This is because in Nottinghamshire the MoJ’s Rape Support Fund is devolved to the PCC. Only the organisations currently funded by the Rape Support Fund are eligible to be included. The OPCC will contact these organisations separately.

### Eligibility Criteria

Funding is for registered charities and social enterprises to meet additional costs occurred as a result of adapting services due to COVID-19 or to meet additional demand as a result of COVID-19. To be eligible, organisations must provide support services which have the purpose of helping victims of crime cope with the impacts of crime, and, as far as possible, recover from the harm they have experienced. Organisations must not use this funding for the development of new projects or services not related to the COVID-19 response and they must ensure that COVID-19 related costs cannot be met from any existing funding stream, fundraising, private donations and existing grants.

All funding is only available for the time period **24<sup>th</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020**.

**All initiatives funded must finish by 31<sup>st</sup> October or the organisation must be confident they can continue to provide the funding themselves after 31<sup>st</sup> October. No carry forward of MoJ Extraordinary funding, or funding extensions, are permitted by Government.**

The Government has set out the funding criteria below.

Funding	Criteria
Domestic Abuse Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the organisation must provide tailored support to female and/or male victims who have experienced DA at any point in their life</li> <li>funding can be used to support existing clients as well as new referrals</li> <li>DA support services could include, but are not limited to: IDVAs; CHIDVAs; Family Court support; face to face or remote counselling for individuals and / or their families; or support for particular groups such as BAME/ Disabled/ LGBT victims.</li> <li>this funding must not be used to provide victims with accommodation</li> <li>this funding is open to all DA support services in Nottingham/shire whether or not they are currently funded by the PCC</li> <li>due diligence and fraud risk assessments must be undertaken on those organisations not already commissioned by PCC</li> <li>Honour based abuse (forced marriage and FGM) falls within the government definition for domestic abuse.</li> <li>Stalking carried out by a former intimate partner or by a family member falls within the government definition for domestic abuse</li> </ul>
Sexual Violence Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the organisation must provide tailored support to female and/or male victims who have experienced rape or sexual abuse at any point in their life</li> <li>funding can be used to support existing clients as well as new referrals</li> <li>SV support services could include, but are not limited to: ISVAs; CHISVAs; court support; face to face or remote counselling for individuals and / or their families; or support for particular groups such as BAME/ Disabled/ LGBT victims</li> <li>This funding is open to all SV support services in Nottingham/shire whether or not they are currently funded by the PCC</li> <li>due diligence and fraud risk assessments must be undertaken on those organisations not already commissioned by PCC</li> </ul>

## Eligible spend

Funding may be used to:

- address short term income disruption where organisations are unable to take advantage of existing government measures;
- meet essential costs of sustaining current activities, such as the move to remote working and digital rather than face to face support; and
- address increased demand, including adapting services to address more immediate beneficiary needs in light of COVID-19.

Funding may not be used for:

- needs where costs can be met through other COVID-19 support measures, such as the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and the three month VAT deferral;
- campaigning activities; religious activities outside of projects benefiting the wider community and not containing religious content; political or lobbying activities; loan repayments; or activities that make profit for private gain;
- capital works e.g. building repairs but can be used for other capital costs such as ICT equipment to enhance your communications and help reach local people;
- for goods or services that have been bought or ordered before 24 March 2020, ie the start of the lockdown; and
- any outstanding debts which an organisation incurred prior to 24 March 2020.

Any spend that funded organisations commit to beyond the 31 October 2020 must be met through their own funds.

Organisations must not apply for duplicate funding. MoJ will work with other Government Departments to ensure that there is no duplication of funding across Government Departments. The PCC will work with the City and County Councils and National Lottery to ensure that there is no duplication of funding within Nottinghamshire.

## Process

MoJ has stipulated that:

- PCCs must conduct an open and transparent needs assessment with published assessment criteria. This must be open to all relevant support organisations in the PCC area and encourage applications from small specialist organisations that support groups with protected characteristics.
- PCCs must conduct a due diligence process on organisations requesting funding. This should include ascertaining whether the organisation has lost income due to COVID-19, if additional income has been received and if reserves are being used.
- The names of all organisations that requested funding and details of those that were successful should be published on completion of the process.

The funding timetable, including the deadlines, has been stipulated by MoJ and is as follows:

Activity	Deadline
Interested organisations to complete the relevant Expression of Interest Form (see below)	11.59pm 1 June 2020
OPCC staff and City and County Council DSVA leads to evaluate Expressions of Interest Forms and make recommendations to the PCC	2-3 June 2020
PCC reviews recommendations	4 June 2020
PCC submits written funding submission to MoJ	4 June 2020
MoJ assesses funding submissions and awards funding to PCCs	9 June 2020
PCC confirms funding awards **	12 June 2020

\*\* Following confirmation of the funding awards mid June the PCC will, as per MoJ's criteria, publish a list with the names of all those who have applied and details of both successful and unsuccessful organisations.

**Please note that the final funding decision will be made by MoJ.**

The relevant Expressions of Interest Forms are:

- Expression of Interest Form 1: To be completed by those organisations currently commissioned by the PCC
- Expression of Interest Form 2: To be completed by those organisation not currently commissioned by the PCC

## Assessment Criteria

**Note: It is extremely important that applicants complete the Expression of Interest Forms as fully as possible and answer all relevant questions. Unfortunately due to the tight timescales the OPCC will not have the time to chase up any missing information. Only the information provided will be assessed.**

The OPCC and partners will evaluate completed Expressions of Interest against the following criteria:

Fund	Evaluation criteria
<p>Domestic Abuse services <b>already commissioned by the PCC</b></p>	<p>Only Expressions of Interest which fully meet the criteria below will be considered for funding: Applications must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fully meet the Government’s eligibility criteria outlined above;</li> <li>• clearly demonstrate that the funded initiative will finish safely on 31 October or that any continuation will be met through the organisation’s own funds; and</li> <li>• clearly evidence the need for additional financial support because of an increase in demand or because of COVID-19.</li> </ul> <p>Funding initiatives will then be prioritised as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• financial reimbursement for the costs of adapting to working in the lockdown (for example for equipment) which have already been incurred; and</li> <li>• support for survivors with highest need.</li> </ul> <p>Applicants should base their Expressions of Interest on the information already reported to the City and County Councils.</p>
<p>Domestic Abuse services <b>not currently commissioned by the PCC</b></p>	<p>Only Expressions of Interest which fully meet the criteria below will be considered for funding: Applications must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fully meet the Government’s eligibility criteria outlined above;</li> <li>• demonstrate that they have robust governance and management arrangements in place to support domestic abuse survivors safely;</li> <li>• provide evidence that they will work constructively with one of the commissioned domestic abuse support services (see below), in order to ensure no duplication of provision or confuse survivors;</li> <li>• clearly demonstrate that the funded initiative will finish safely on 31 October or that any continuation will be met through the organisation’s own funds; and</li> <li>• clearly evidence the need for additional financial support because of an increase in demand or because of COVID-19.</li> </ul> <p>Funding initiatives will then be prioritised as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• financial reimbursement for the costs of adapting to working in the lockdown (for example for equipment) which have already been incurred; and</li> <li>• support for survivors with highest need.</li> </ul> <p><b>Commissioned domestic abuse support providers</b></p> <p>Support for women and children under 18:</p> <p>Juno Women’s Aid: Nottingham City, Ashfield, Broxtowe, Gedling, Rushcliffe            Nottinghamshire Women’s Aid: Bassetlaw, Mansfield, Newark &amp; Sherwood</p> <p>Equation: male support in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire</p>

<p>Sexual Violence Support Services <b>either commissioned or not commissioned by the PCC</b></p>	<p>Only Expressions of Interest which fully meet the criteria below will be considered for funding: Applications must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fully meet the Government’s eligibility criteria outlined above;</li> <li>• clearly demonstrate that the funded initiative will finish safely on 31 October or that any continuation will be met through the organisation’s own funds; and</li> <li>• clearly evidence the need for additional financial support because of an increase in demand or because of COVID-19.</li> </ul> <p>In addition, Expressions of Interest from organisations which are not currently commissioned by the PCC must meet the following criteria in order to be considered for funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• clearly demonstrate that they have robust governance and management arrangements in place to support vulnerable sexual violence survivors safely;</li> <li>• provide evidence that they will work with at least one of the commissioned sexual violence support services (see below), in order to ensure no duplication of provision or confuse survivors;</li> </ul> <p>Funding initiatives will then be prioritised as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• financial reimbursement for the costs of adapting to working in the lockdown (for example for equipment) which have already been incurred; and</li> <li>• support for survivors with highest need.</li> </ul> <p><b>Commissioned sexual violence support providers</b></p> <p>Adult SARC: Mountain Healthcare Ltd  Paediatric SARC: Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust  ISVA and Survivor Support Service: Notts SVS Services  CHISVA: Imara  Counselling: ISAS, Notts SVS Services, SHE</p>
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The OPCC has tried to keep the information requested from providers to a minimum.

Organisations with successful Expressions of Interest which are already funded by the PCC or the City or County Council will have their existing contracts varied. All other organisations with successful Expressions of Interest will need to sign the PCC’s grant agreement.

### Reduced funding offer

It is possible that applicant organisations will be offered a reduced sum of funding. Organisations must state in their Expressions of Interest which activity they would like to be prioritised.

### Submission

Expression of Interest Forms should be sent to [grants@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:grants@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk) at Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner by **11.59pm on Monday 1 June 2020**. The timescale imposed by MoJ is very tight and the PCC will not be able to consider any late expressions of interest.

**Please note that your Expression of Interest Form does not guarantee that you will receive funding. Funding will be confirmed by a letter from the PCC.**

## **Reporting**

All successfully funded projects will be required to report on spend and activity to the PCC by mid November. The PCC is awaiting the reporting template from MoJ.

## **Contacts**

If you have any questions please contact Claire Good at Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner via:

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